

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

January 22, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Morton Unit School District 709 held January 22, 2019, at Morton Jr. High School.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call –

President Neeley called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Tom Neeley, Dr. Shad Beaty, Mr. Jeff Schmidgall,
Mrs. Michelle Bernier, Dr. David Cross, Mr. Bart Rinckenberger

Members absent: Mr. Kevin Austin

Reports –

President's Report –

President Neeley reported he will be attending the Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C. next week.

President Neeley commented on the excellent meeting board members had with the Jr. High staff earlier in the evening. They were able to have one-on-one discussion with teachers within their different departments. Discussions included the new schedule at the Jr. High next year, use of technology, and early dismissal days for the purpose of professional development.

Action Items –

Approve 2019-2020 School Calendar –

Dr. Smock recommended that the 2019-2020 calendar be approved at this time. It may have to be revised at a later date due to a new bill recently introduced in the Illinois legislature, but that should not affect the start date and holidays.

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 school year calendar as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Austin)

Motion carried.

Approve Memoranda of Understanding - Class Size/Class Load and Student Support–

Dr. Smock explained why the administration is recommending board approval of two Memoranda of Understanding: 1) The Class Size/Caseload MOU, and 2) The Student Support MOU (formerly the Collaboration/Inclusion MOU).

During the negotiations process that concluded in the Spring of 2018 these two parts were deferred to be discussed and updated by committees during this 2018-19 school year. Both committees have met and concluded the process and discussion and present the updated language for approval.

Class Size/Caseload MOU - This MOU changed relative to the committee structure and frequency of meetings. The new 2019-20 junior high schedule with six teaching periods was addressed in the new language. There were other minor changes to sections regarding the goals and purposes, evaluation of aides, and special requests. The elementary section was not changed since it had been updated more recently during former contract negotiations and the JH and HS still require caseloads of over 125 students prior to triggering action to be taken. Therefore, there were no changes made that would affect any financial implications for the district.

The Student Support MOU - Much of the archaic language and legal requirements (already in law) were removed or edited. Student support committee membership and meeting frequency were established. The committee will meet each quarter and will alternate topics each quarter between Elementary and JH/HS issues. This will help keep a focus on the topics discussed. The language for release time and additional compensation for extraordinary duties remained unchanged. Therefore, there were no changes made that would affect any financial implications for the district.

Motion by Mrs. Bernier, second by Mr. Schmidgall, that the Board of Education approve, and direct President Neeley to sign, the two revised memoranda of understanding as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Austin)

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda –

Motion by Mr. Rinkenberger, second by Dr. Beaty, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve December Treasurer's Report
- Approve Overnight Trip – MJHS Wrestling IESA State Meet
- Approve Minutes of the January 15, 2019, Regular Meeting and the January 15, 2019, Regular Meeting Closed Session.
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	Bills 1-18-19	Payroll 1-18-19
Ed. Fund	\$23,089.43	\$474,424.11
Bldg. Fund	31,836.55	34,918.05
Trans. Fund	1,093.33	7,129.58
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	400,897.32

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Austin)

Motion carried.

Closed Session -

Motion by Dr. Cross, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Board of Education enter into closed session for discussion of Personnel and Student Discipline. **(5ILCS 120/2 115 ILCS 5/18)**

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Austin)

Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Beaty, second by Mrs. Bernier, that the Board of Education return to regular session.

Roll Call: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Austin)

Motion carried. The board returned to regular session at 9:23 p.m.

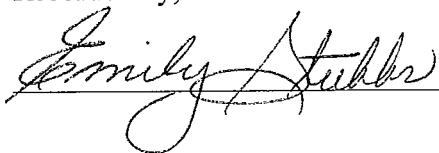
Adjournment –

Motion by Mr. Schmidgall, second by Dr. Cross, that the meeting be adjourned.

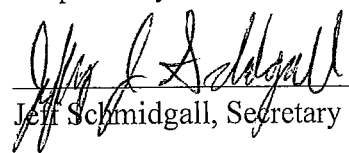
Voice Vote: Yea 6 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Austin)

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

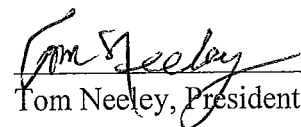
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Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Schmidgall, Secretary



Tom Neeley, President